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Khaddam in Iraq to continue committee talks

BAGHDAD, Jan. 1 (R)— Syria's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Abdel-Halim Khaddam arrived here Monday to lead his country's team on the joint political, information and cultural committee formed under the Iraqi-Syrian National Charter.

It will be the third such meeting held by the committee, and designed to pave the way for closer relations between the two countries which until the charter was sealed in October had been divided over ideological and political issues.

The Iraq News Agency (INA) said committee deliberations would concentrate on drawing up the agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the higher political body formed of Iraqi President Ahmad Hassan Bakr and Syrian head of state Hafez Assad.



CHINA TOAST: Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, and U.S. Ambassador Leonard Woodcock toast U.S.-China relations Monday at a party at the U.S. liaison office in Peking. (Wirephoto)

Peking reception marks formal establishment of ties with U.S.

PEKING, Jan. 1 (Agencies)— The United States and China formally established diplomatic relations Monday, ending what President Carter called an "era of enmity" and opening a new chapter in international politics.

Each side promptly wished the other a happy New Year and Peking offered a reconciliation with Taiwan, with whom the United States automatically broke ties when it linked up with Peking at 12:00 a.m. Monday (See story on page five).

China's Senior Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping and the chief U.S. representative in Peking toasted the establishment of diplomatic ties between their countries, hailing it as the start of a new era in Sino-American relations.

The toast was made during a reception given by Leonard Woodcock, head of the U.S. Liaison Office in the Chinese capital, on the first day of normal links.

Woodcock, who conducted delicate negotiations leading to the mutual diplomatic recognition, said the Sino-American ties "would contribute to the well-being of all mankind."

Teng, who will visit the U.S. late this month, said normalization was a major international event.

The vice-premier led a group

of six government ministers at the reception, most of whom — including Teng — brought their wives.

Woodcock talked with Teng separately for 40 minutes. The vice-premier chain-smoked as they sat side-by-side.

The only serious point the U.S. official said he raised was the extreme need for added accommodation at the liaison office, which will become an embassy on March 1.

Woodcock also introduced a U.S. congressional delegation to the Chinese ministers. Delegation leader Thomas Ashley said he had been asked by President Carter to convey warm expressions of friendship on what the congressman called "this great step forward."

He added that the United States was determined that its friendship with China will go forward unimpeded.

Woodcock told Teng in his toast:

"The breakdown in communication between our two countries interrupted a long tradition of friendship and mutually beneficial cooperation between the Chinese and American peoples and adversely affected the cause of world peace."

"We are now able to concentrate our energies on building the more permanent and

effective institutions that full diplomatic relations make possible," he added.

Teng quoted President Carter as having said the U.S. had not undertaken "normalization for transient, tactical or expedient reasons."

"I appreciate this far-sighted view," the vice premier said. "The Chinese government has all along regarded Sino-American relations in a long-term political and strategic perspective."

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Soviet Union accuses U.S. of gunboat diplomacy in Iran

MOSCOW, Jan. 1 (Agencies)— The Kremlin Monday accused the United States of resorting to "gunboat diplomacy" over the crisis in Iran and said its actions were "provocative" towards the Soviet Union.

The allegations were made by the Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" in a commentary on reports that the U.S. was planning to send a naval task force into the Gulf.

On Saturday an American aircraft carrier task force set sail from the Philippines but the U.S. State Department denied it was heading for the Gulf.

"The creators of the latest 'gunboat diplomacy' are looking for a way of justifying their militarist interference in the internal affairs of Iran," Pravda said, adding:

"...In doing so they resort to openly provocative means spearheaded against the Soviet Union."

President Leonid Brezhnev warned the U.S. and other Western powers in November not to intervene in Iran. Since then the Soviet media frequently have accused the U.S. of sending advisers to Tehran to help the Shah.

As the Soviets warned the U.S., mobs attacked a military garrison, set fire to tanks and stabbed a major to death in front of his wife during two days of bloody fighting in Mashhad, the Iranian state television said Monday.

The broadcast put the death toll at "no more than 170," while religious opponents of the Shah said between 700 and 2,000 had died.

Word of the violence in the city of some 800,000 came as the Shah sought to dispel reports that he might be leaving the country as soon as Shahpour Bakhtiar announces his new civilian government, probably Wednesday or Thursday.

Shah Meets Press

The 50-year-old Shah met briefly with foreign reporters on the grounds of Niavaran Palace along with Empress Farah, who had been rumored to have left the country.

During the meeting the Shah chatted briefly with reporters and did not appear eager to make statements. Asked whether he might like a vacation abroad once Iran's political scene cooled, the Shah replied, "I would love to if the situation permits."

Ardeshir Zahedi, Iran's ambassador to Washington and a confidant of the monarch, denied reports that the Shah would soon leave to bolster Bakhtiar's chances of restoring order here.

Foreigners Stranded

Meanwhile hundreds of foreigners, advised by their embassies to leave Iran, were stranded at Tehran's international airport Monday as air traffic controllers went on strike to protest against the Shah.

There was chaos as passengers, many of them families in-

cluding small children, were told all flights were cancelled. The atmosphere was tense as hundreds of soldiers, armed with bayonets, machine guns and grenade launchers, patrolled the area.

A tank stood at the main airport entrance and 40 empty army trucks were parked side by side on the main driveway.

Police soon stopped people from entering the international terminal, even those with valid tickets, making those already inside reluctant to go back into

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PLO renews offer for U.S. dialogue

KUWAIT, Jan. 1 (Agencies)— A top Palestinian leader reaffirmed Monday the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) is ready to start a dialogue with the United States, provided this is done at the highest possible level.

"I am ready to go to the United States if an invitation is addressed to us from the U.S. government and provided the dialogue is conducted with President Jimmy Carter, his Foreign Minister Cyrus Vance Mr. (Carter's National Security Adviser) Zbigniew Brzezinski, Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's political department and unofficial foreign minister said.

Kaddoumi reiterated the PLO's rejection of the Camp David agreements, saying "a Middle East settlement will never be accomplished on the basis of these accords."

The PLO position is that a settlement should be based on recognition of the rights of Palestinians to return to their homes and to establish a state of their own in occupied areas abandoned by Israel.

Kaddoumi was speaking to

newsmen just before his departure for Baghdad for talks with the Iraqi government. He spent the weekend in Kuwait for consultations with its ruler, Sheikh Jaber Al-Sabah.

In Beirut, meanwhile, a leading Arab-American lobbyist said he believes that there is increased momentum in the U.S. Congress toward recognizing the PLO and predicted erosion of support for Israel, according to an interview published Monday.

Hisham Sharabi, a Georgetown University professor and head of the National Association of Arab Americans, told the English-language weekly "Monday Morning" that the recent meeting of U.S. Representative Paul Findley with PLO leader Yasser Arafat represented a "breakthrough."

"Once the brainwashing is done away with...Israeli leaders and Jewish-American leaders will eventually lose the full sympathy of the American people and Congress," Sharabi said.

"I've heard that there is a growing feeling among Con-

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Definite timetable

Egypt again insists on linkage

CAIRO, Jan. 1 (Agencies)— Acting Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali said Monday Egypt would never sign a peace treaty with Israel that did not include a complementary agreement setting a definite timetable for Palestinian self-rule.

In an interview with Sudanese radio Dr. Ghali also said Palestinian self-rule on the Gaza Strip and the West Bank of Jordan would be the first step towards the creation of an independent state.

Egypt and Israel failed last

month to initial a peace treaty following Israel's refusal to link withdrawal from Sinai to Palestinian self-rule and Egyptian insistence that the peace treaty should not override its Arab commitments.

"We hope once Israel agrees to the linkage principle, the Palestinian side would take part in elections (in Gaza and the West Bank) that would lead to self-rule, the first step to the creation of a Palestinian entity, then a state," Ghali said.

President Anwar Sadat last Saturday said Egypt would not sign the treaty without the linkage, but was confident it was only a matter of time before Israel agreed to sign.

Ghali said the complementary agreement should allow for the start of negotiations with Israel one month after the peace agreement was signed and elections for self-rule to start before the end of 1979.

He said this would be followed by termination of Israeli military rule in both Gaza and the West Bank and the withdrawal of Israeli troops to new positions on the border of the two regions.

"What is needed is a just and a comprehensive settlement and not a separate peace deal," Ghali said.

Pressure in Israel

Meanwhile, new pressure to add to Jewish settlements in occupied Arab territory mounted Monday as Israel waited for a decision from Egypt to re-open talks on the disputed issues blocking a peace treaty.

Members of the ultra-nationalistic Gush Emunim set up camp on a hill near an existing settlement 10 miles northwest of Jerusalem to protest the Israeli government's failure to expand and develop Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

And 30 miles north of Jerusalem, Gush Emunim followers were locked in a stale-

mate for the second day with army troops who blocked them from traveling to a hilltop near the Arab town of Nablus where they want to start a new settlement.

The cabinet on Sunday took no action to increase the existing 48 settlements in the West Bank, and it softened Israel's stand on disputes in the talks with Egypt.

"We have done our share," said one government official. "Now we are waiting for Egypt's response. Only then will it be decided when, where and at what level the talks will resume."

Prime Minister Menahem

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Israeli boats attack South Lebanon coast

BEIRUT, Jan. 1 (Agencies)— Israeli navy boats Sunday attacked a coastal area of southern Lebanon before being driven off by Palestinian forces, the Palestinians said Sunday night.

A spokesman said the Israeli boats attacked Ras Al-Ain near the Rashidiyah refugee camp in the Tyre area with rockets and heavy machine-guns.

A house was destroyed and another badly damaged by the Israeli fire, he said, but there were no casualties.

The spokesman added that the Israelis made two attacks and were driven off when Palestinian and leftist forces returned the fire. They also foiled an Israeli landing attempt in the area, forcing the Israelis to withdraw, he said.

In Tel Aviv, the Israeli army claimed it had no information on the report of the naval attack.

A spokesman said: "We are investigating the report but have no information about any attack."

Fisheries development firm to be established

RIYADH, Jan. 1 (SPA)— The Council of Ministers Monday approved the establishment of a fisheries development company.

The decision was taken at a meeting under the chairmanship of Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard.

Following the meeting, Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdul Yamani said the council had studied a report submitted by Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, minister of agriculture and water and endorsed his recommendations to develop this national resources.

Company shares will be held by the government and

the private sector. Dr. Al-Sheikh has been asked to form a board of directors comprising the minister of agriculture and water, as chairman, four representatives of the companies and the foundations as chosen by the minister of agriculture and water and a representative of the ministry of commerce.

Dr. Yamani said that the council also studied a report submitted by Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosabi minister of industry and electricity on the country's power requirements during the next 25 years and plans to meet the ever-increasing demand. A final report on this matter will be submitted in the next four months.

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Tanker crew feared lost as pollution threat grows

LA CORUNA, Spain, Jan. 1 (R)—Virtually the entire crew of a Greek supertanker was feared drowned Monday as the stricken ship threatened Spain's northwest coast with a pollution disaster.

The bosun of the tanker Andros Patria said 29 persons, including the captain, his wife and two-year-old son, were hurled into the sea when their lifeboats capsized during the night.

They had been forced to abandon ship during a gale by an explosion and fire late on New Year's Eve.

The bosun, Evangelos Milas, stayed aboard with two

other Greek seamen as the supertanker drifted towards the jagged Galician coastline, an area of rich fishing grounds.

He and a pumpman were rescued by helicopter early Monday but the third man, the chief engineer, was still waiting to be picked up after the aircraft developed mechanical trouble.

Milas told officials the tanker, on its way to Rotterdam with 208,000 tons of Iranian crude for British Petroleum (BP), was carrying 32 persons when disaster struck.

Rescue vessels rushed to

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Maize	—
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Sugar	66
Tea	—
Various Foodstuffs	7442
Fruit	1300
Poultry	—
Meat	2282
Chicken	694
Eggs	—
Sub-Total for Foodstuffs:	22886

2. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Cement	50274
Steel	25020
Timber	5784
General Building Materials	16719
Sub-Total for Construction Materials:	97797

3. VEHICLES

Vehicles in Number	2488
Vehicles in Tons	43642

4. LIVESTOCK

Number of Head	10559	4164
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5. OTHER GENERAL CARGO

TOTAL DISCHARGED:

(A)	250967	Tons Cargo
(B)	2488	Vehicles in Number
(C)	10559	Head of Livestock

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FREIGHT TONS DISCHARGED

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Flour/Wheat	4,104
Maize	—
Rice	4,348
Sugar	72
Tea	162
Various Foodstuffs	24,377
Fruit	4,676
Poultry	5,744
Meat	120
Eggs	—
Sub-Total for Foodstuffs:	43,603

2. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Cement	43,973
Steel	18,213
Timber	9,866
General Building Materials	54,550
Sub-Total for Construction Materials:	126,602

3. VEHICLES

Vehicles in number	5,364
Vehicles in Tons	77,851

4. LIVESTOCK

Number of Head	22,658
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5. OTHER GENERAL CARGO

96,776

TOTAL DISCHARGED:

(A) 344,832 Tons Cargo.

(B) 5,364 Vehicles in Numbers

(C) 22,658 Head of Livestock

At Jeddah meeting

IDB sets \$8m in Africa loans

JEDDAH, Jan. 1 (SPA) — The Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank (IDB) will loan Upper Volta, Morocco and Uganda 6.3 million Islamic Dinars, equivalent to \$8,150,000 in project and foreign trade finance.

Sudan minister praises Saudi development help

JEDDAH, Jan. 1 — Saudi Arabia is providing vital assistance in the execution of development projects in Sudan, Dr. Othman Hashim Abdul Salam, Sudanese minister of finance and national economy said in an interview published in "Okaz" newspaper Monday.

In certain projects, notably the Al-Rahd development, the Saudi contribution is not confined to providing finance but extends to mobilization assistance. The Kingdom has also provided considerable help in Sudanese road and communications projects and in the improvement of existing networks, Salam said.

As part of the two countries general cooperation policy, the Saudi government has contributed to the implementation of agricultural and livestock projects by which the Kingdom will

eventually benefit through imports. For example, Sudan will soon be in a position to export sugar once the Kenana sugar scheme, in which the Kingdom is participating, is operational. "By next year, we will reach self-sufficiency and move from there into exports," the minister said.

Salam also referred to the Saudi-Sudanese Commission for the Development of Red Sea Resources, which is conducting studies for the exploitation of the mineral rich brines and muds on the sea-bed.

In addition, the two countries have extended cooperation into the field of joint ventures, either with the Saudi Fund for Development or the Saudi private sector, the minister said.

Salam praised Saudi Arabia's support for the establishment of the Arab Organization for Investment and Agricultural Development, which comprises a number of Arab countries including Sudan. The organization will undertake agricultural projects for the general benefit of Arab states.

The organization's first project will be an agricultural scheme in Sudan, the minister said.

for Upper Volta.

The bank will extend ID 3.5 million (\$4.5 million) to Morocco to buy railway trucks to transport bulk cement from production centers in Wajda to packaging and distribution points in Fez.

The IDB will also grant Uganda ID 310,000 (\$400,000) to cover the foreign exchange component of the cost of a feasibility study for the construction of a road from Arua to Oraba which will eventually link Kabalaba to Sudan through the city of Morabu on the border. The road will make easier the transport and marketing of Uganda agricultural produce.

The board also finished the draft agenda for the third annual meeting of the IDB board of governors in Kampala, Uganda, next March.

Saudi Arabia is the major share holder in the bank.

Islamic trade center

Meanwhile, it was announced Monday that an Islamic center for the promotion of trade among member states of the Organization of the Islamic Conference will be set up.

A panel of experts from the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs which held its fourth session last week, Monday approved the setting up of the center.

It decided that its location will be determined at the commission's fifth session.

The center will train personnel in marketing and trade activities.

King sees ulema

RIYADH, Jan. 1 (SPA) — King Khaled Monday received the sheikhs and ulema in the afternoon at the Maazar Palace here as is customary every Monday.



BUMPER: Young Saudis practise for Jeddah's streets on the bumper cars at the Luna Park amusement center.

Paper reports

Center plans \$10m trachoma clinic

JEDDAH, Jan. 1 — The Saudi regional center of the Middle East Committee for the Blind is studying the feasibility of a \$10 million medical center for protection from blindness, "Al-Bilad" newspaper reported Monday.

According to recent figures there are nearly 7.5 million blind in the Middle East, at least half of the total blind population of the world, the paper said.

The proposed center will help to protect children from trachoma, one of the major diseases leading to blindness and prevalent in many Mideastern countries.

SPA adds: Saudi Health Minister Dr. Hussein Jaziri arrived in Manama Monday afternoon on a short visit to

Bahrain before proceeding to Muscat to attend the Sixth Gulf Health Ministers Conference opening there Tuesday.

The six-day conference will discuss a proposal to set up a pharmaceutical plant, training in health institutes, and

the establishment of a regional center for research into heart disease and radiotherapy.

Seven Arab countries are participating in the conference: Oman, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

Riyadh educators start local literacy campaign

RIYADH, Jan. 1 (SPA) — The Directorate of Education here began a week-long literacy campaign Monday to coincide with an Arab World day for the eradication of illiteracy.

According to Dr. Hamad Ibrahim Al-Salloum, director of education for Riyadh district, the movement of adult education and eradication of illiteracy in the Kingdom was

gaining momentum.

There are now, 1,931 literacy schools with 5,124 classes and 72,225 students in the Kingdom, he said, and added that Riyadh district alone has nearly 173 literacy schools with 563 classes and 7,500 students.

Salloum said the Kingdom had 660 literacy schools for women last year. These have 2,168 classes and are attended by about 30,000 students.

Saudi standards unit elected board member of U.N. organization

RIYADH, Jan. 1 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has been elected a member of the board of the International Standards Organization for three years starting Monday, in appreciation of the efforts of the Saudi Arabian Standards Organization.

Dr. Khaled Al-Khalaf, SASO director general, who participated in the ISO meetings held last December in Geneva, said that Saudi Arabia will pursue an active role in orienting the organization's activities for the interest of the Arab world in general, and Saudi Arabia in particular.

The board of the international organization comprises 18 members to represent 80 countries.

The organization was set up in 1947, as a technical agency of the United Nations. It aims to remove obstacles to world trade arising from different specifications and measurements.

Board meeting

Meanwhile, it was learnt Monday that the board of SASO will meet in mid-January under Dr. Soliman A. Solaim, the Minister of Commerce and SASO chairman.

The meeting agenda will approve a set of measures to be taken by the authority to grant scholarships to Saudi technical students who now study at their own expense abroad. It will also sign agreements with standards organizations and industrial research institutes in certain Asian countries to ensure that no article is exported from those countries to the Kingdom unless it has been checked and officially sealed.

SASO has also decided to set up several permanent committees on food industries, dairy products, electric systems, mechanical engineering goods, pressure cookers and similar

appliances, construction design criteria, petrochemicals, spinning and weaving, electronic measurement instruments, mechanical measurement instruments, and safety standards to protect the environment and the consumer.

Meanwhile, it was announced in Riyadh Monday that the Industrial Research and Development Center has completed a draft for an industrial standards, safety and health reference book.

The center said that the book covers systems and instructions which factories must follow to protect workers and plant from accidents.

5-man committee set up to study

water resources

RIYADH, Jan. 1 (SPA) — The Second Regional Conference of the West Asia Economic Commission on Water Monday set up a five-man committee to study the possibility of establishing a regional council for water resources.

The five members of the committee are Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

Conference Chairman Mustafa Nouri said that the committee will hold its first meeting Tuesday evening and draft its report within a year.

He added that Monday the conference also discussed the optimum use of water in agriculture and technical cooperation between member states and between these and countries outside the region.

Khaled cables Sudan president

RIYADH, Jan. 1 (SPA) — King Khaled Monday sent a cable of congratulations to President Jaafar Numeiri of Sudan on his country's Independence Day.

Mayor interviewed

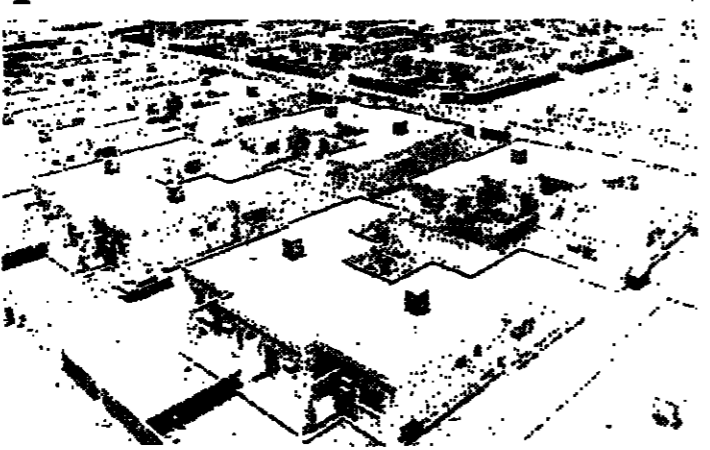
Keeping up appearances in Jeddah suburbs

JEDDAH, Jan. 1 (SPA) — Mayor of New Jeddah Ibrahim Al-Rawi said Monday that in the outgoing year, his municipality had embellished and planted trees in 22 streets in and around the north-eastern suburb.

He told SPA that basins for flowers had been built on the streets and saplings and some full-grown trees planted.

Other municipality improvements include maintenance, irrigation and the procurement of soil. His municipality had also been responsible for planting trees and bushes along a 2.5 kilometer stretch in front of the Hamra Guest Palace.

The mayor said that the new municipality comprised a special section for environment-



NEW JEDDAH: Mass housing for employees of Saudia in New Jeddah.

tal health manned by a doctor, health supervisors and market controllers, to check cleanliness in shops, restaurants

and places where public health may be endangered. These controllers have issued health cards to 556 workers in restaurants and groceries, he said. Eight shops have been closed for non-compliance with health instructions.

Meanwhile, the markets department checks licenses of shops and commercial premises. Over 1,000 such licenses were issued last year, an indication of the rapid expansion of retail trade in the area.

The mayor said that the municipality also ran a construction control center designed to prevent sprawl. It aims to curb building without license or trespassing on others' property, he said.

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Under U.S. pressure

Papers show virtual rout ending Palestine Mandate

LONDON, Jan. 1 (R) — New light is shed on Britain's withdrawal from Palestine in 1948 by secret documents to be released Tuesday.

British government files, made public after the expiry of 30 years, show how Britain lost its nerve and abandoned Palestine when it could no longer pursue a pro-Arab policy against the wishes of the United States.

They record Britain's difficulties with wartime allies France and the United States over the question of Jewish immigration into Palestine, which it had been trying to limit since 1939. In May 1948 Britain, unable to contain the mounting Arab-Jewish fighting, hastily evacuated its forces from Palestine and handed back responsibility for the territory to the United Nations, giving up a Mandate which began in 1922.

Turkish president says politicians exploiting riots

ANKARA, Jan. 1 (R) — President Fahri Koruturk Monday accused some Turkish politicians of exploiting the violence which led to the imposition of martial law last week and urged civilians and military to work together for peace.

Koruturk, a retired admiral widely regarded as a political moderate, made the appeal in a New Year message to the nation after sectarian rioting a week ago in which more than 100 people died.

Martial law has been imposed in 13 of the country's 67 provinces.

Altogether more than 800 people were killed in political violence in Turkey last year.

It is unfortunate, that certain persons, organizations and politicians, who have not been or were not willing to realize the dangers inherent in this attitude, have for their own political ends chosen to exploit these differences," the president said.

"I expect our nation, which wholly believes in democracy — except for those who have been misled — to help the authorities," he said.

Koruturk said there were groups which had plotted for years to push Turkey into internal strife, and added that it was absolutely necessary to ensure that the emergency regulations were respected.

"I sincerely hope that these incidents will be the last time that brother fights brother in Turkey. The fact that events have reached such dimensions is the culmination of many years. We will get nowhere if parties continue to accuse each other," he said.

In his New Year message, Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit pledged that Turkey would continue on a democratic path despite the imposition of martial

law.

Ecevit declared, "the Turkish nation is at present going through a difficult period, but this difficult and bitter phase will pass and the nation will have peace once again."

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The story of the end of the Mandate is far from complete. This year, as in previous years, files have been kept back by government departments obsessed with secrecy.

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In other documents the Foreign Office noted that while the State Department was sympathetic to Britain's policy, officially nurtured public opinion in America supported the creation of a Jewish state.

A British diplomat in Washington complained that an American judge was "acting on instructions from higher up" when he refused to jail a group of arms smugglers with Zionist connections who were arrested while trying to export explosives from Jersey City docks, New Jersey.

And the British high commissioner in Palestine, Sir Alan Cunningham, warned in February 1947 that American crews were increasingly being used in immigrant ships in an attempt to cause diplomatic incidents between Britain and the United States.

The Royal Navy's inability to control the tide of Jewish refugees into Palestine by ship — sometimes with over 500 aboard — undermined the fact that by 1948 Britain no longer ruled the waves.

Cabinet records show that in 1947 the government decided against the use of a strong-arm tactics on the high seas. It thought that the repercussions of boarding foreign ships would overshadow the security benefits.

The story of the end of the Mandate is far from complete. This year, as in previous years, files have been kept back by government departments obsessed with secrecy.

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RUBBLE: Two Beirutis clear away some of the wreckage after a mortar attack last year in the center of the city.

Procession down Hamra

Bullets celebrate, kill in Beirut

BEIRUT, Jan. 1 (AP) — Fireworks, rifles and bazookas punctuated a partial blackout and silence as militiamen and civilians celebrated New Year's Eve.

Shortly before dawn Monday, some militiamen were shooting off their automatic rifles in traditional expressions of joy while others were tossing grenades and firing bazookas into populous quarters.

Two bombs rocked the Corniche Mazraa quarter and two grenades hit a parking lot in a southern Beirut area. Windows were shattered and three buildings sustained minor damage.

No casualty report was available in the bazooka and grenade attack which the leftist newspaper "As Saif" claimed was mounted by rightwing militias in the East Beirut sector.

The explosions chased a group of light-hearted merry-makers off the streets, the paper said.

These explosions were preceded by a volley of sniper fire allegedly started by the

Rightists. Police said a 15-year-old girl was killed by a sniper bullet.

Residents of East Beirut celebrated throughout the night, while those in West Beirut tried to stage a low-key party on Hamra, the city's main thoroughfare.

As the procession of dancing-whistling youngsters moved through the street, unidentified gunmen shot off their Russian-made Kalashnikov rifles.

Cyprus leaders hopeful about new peace plans

NICOSIA, Jan. 1 (R) — Cyprus President Spyros Kyprianou and his foreign minister have made optimistic predictions on the possibility of talks between Greek and Turkish Cypriots on a new peace plan for the divided island.

"There have indeed been recent new concrete efforts" to find a solution, the president said in a New Year message broadcast Sunday night.

He said the government was studying the proposals "with coolness and with a great sense of responsibility."

Foreign Minister Nicos Rolandis said in an interview with the Greek Cypriot daily "Eleftheri Kypros" "I pray and hope that things will develop smoothly so that in two or three months time we shall be at the conference table."

Neither gave any details of the plan.

But U.N. Special Representative Reinhold G. Galindo Pohl is believed to have been sounding out both sides in the dispute about fresh proposals from Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim to break the two-year deadlock in negotiations.

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PLO will open new offices

KUWAIT, Jan. 1 (R) — The Palestine Liberation Organization is to open offices in the New Year in Finland, Venezuela, Angola and Mozambique, PLO Foreign Affairs Spokesman Farouk Kaddoumi was quoted as saying here Monday. He said other offices in African and Latin American states were planned because the PLO needed to have a presence in non-aligned states which supported its cause.

Iranian bank in Frankfurt bombed

FRANKFURT, Jan. 1 (R) — A fire-bomb thrown through a window of the Iranian bank, Saderat Iran, Monday caused 15,000 marks (\$7,500) damage and police seeking the culprit said political motives could not be ruled out.

Kuwaiti jet crashes; pilot dies

KUWAIT, Jan. 1 (AP) — A Kuwaiti air force jet fighter crashed Sunday during a training flight, killing pilot Ahmad Safar Abel, the defense ministry announced. It gave no other details.

Mashhad doctors appeal for aid

PARIS, Jan. 1 (R) — Iranian exiles in Paris Monday published what they said was an appeal for aid by doctors and other medical staff in the southern city of Mashhad, scene of recent violent clashes between troops and demonstrators. The doctors said they were overwhelmed with work.



Bulent Ecevit

Ecevit declared, "the Turkish nation is at present going through a difficult period, but this difficult and bitter phase will pass and the nation will have peace once again."

Demanding harsh riot control

Two military 'hawks' resign in Iran

TEHRAN, Jan. 1 (Agencies) — Two senior Iranian military officers resigned after failing to persuade the Shah to adopt tougher tactics against street rioters protesting against his rule, diplomatic sources said Monday night.

They said the officers had insisted that harsher measures should be taken to tackle unrest which now threatens the Shah's throne.

The sources withheld the names of the two men, but said they were in the top echelon of the armed forces.

No official announcement of the resignation was expected.

They were the first resignations among senior officers of the Iranian armed forces loyal to the Shah, in a year of mounting opposition to his rule.

Meanwhile, at his residence outside Paris the Ayatollah Khomeini has compiled a list of possible cabinet members but will keep it secret "until the fall of the Shah," sources close to the exiled Iranian leader said Sunday.

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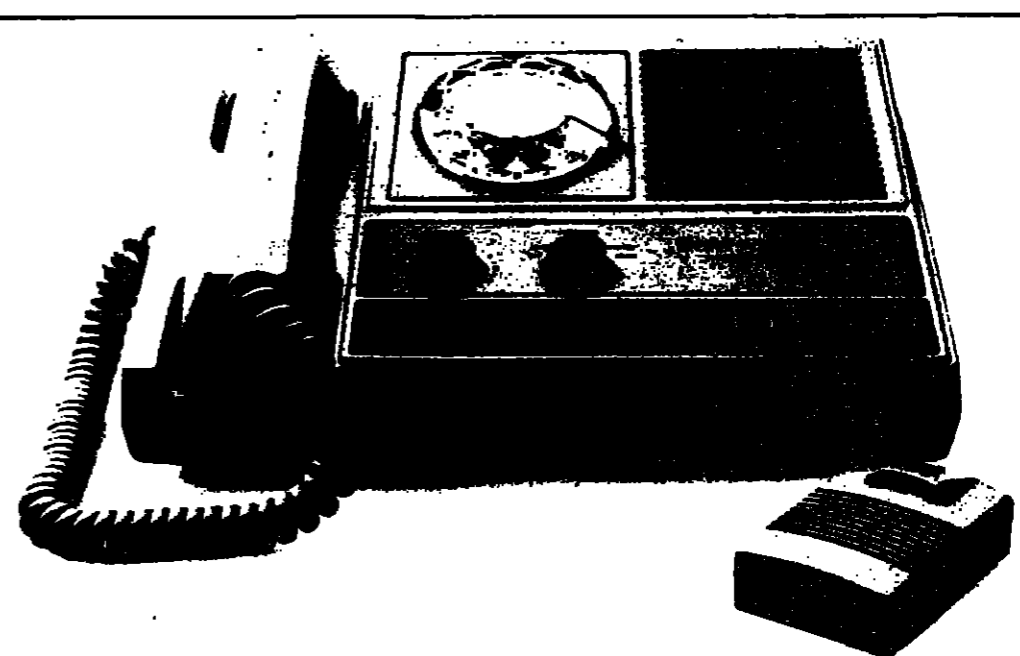
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Melbourne TV claims filming UFO

MELBOURNE, Jan. 1 (AP) — A Melbourne television station says it has captured an unidentified flying object on film for the first time in history.

And it says the BBC in London, which has seen the film by satellite, supports the claim. Channel O of the Australian television network shot the film over New Zealand Saturday night.

George Wilson, a spokesman for ATVO, said Sunday "an oval-shaped object with three bands around it can be seen clearly. At one stage the film crew saw 25 of these objects." The film was made by Channel O reporter, Quentin Fogarty, and a film crew from Wellington, New Zealand.

Fogarty had been on holiday in New Zealand and heard about a New Zealand airline pilot who reported he had seen strange objects Dec. 21 over Cook Strait, a narrow body of water separating the North and South Islands.

Fogarty hired the crew and recreated the flight with the pilot Saturday night, Wilson said.

He returned to Melbourne Sunday with the seven-minute film.

"Fogarty told me it was the most amazing sight he had seen in his life," Wilson said. "He saw objects everywhere about him. They were in clusters, and at one stage the film crew counted 25 of them."

Wilson said Fogarty described the objects as being "lights in the sky which tracked and followed the aircraft."

"It is the classic shape of UFOs that have been sighted in the past," he said.

Wilson said the film also included shots of six other unidentified objects and said flight controllers at the Wellington Airport confirmed that objects other than aircraft had appeared on their radar at the same time the film was shot.

The pilot of the plane flying the Fogarty and the film crew, Bill Startup, said Monday there was no possibility that the object could have been another aircraft. "No aircraft would have the acceleration that thing did," he said.

Startup has been an airline pilot for 14 years.

He said the object appeared as a large ball of light.

"It came within 20 kilometers of the aircraft, then closer to 16 kilometers as we climbed to 13,000 ft. I decided to go closer. We took a quick turn to the right and this thing kept its relative distance," he said.

"It was appearing on the aircraft's radar screen. Then came the most spectacular part. It went above us, then below, then shot away," he said. "I have no idea what it was."

He said he had no preconceived ideas about UFOs.

Startup said Wellington Airport had again picked up unidentified blips on its radar Sunday night, 24 hours after his flight.

He said controllers told him there were 11 objects on the airport's radar at one time.

Wellington air traffic controller Geoff Causser reported erratic but quite discernible blips on the control tower radar for three and a half hours from 12:30 a.m. local time Sunday.

"They were unidentified flying something... they were definitely not airplanes, and that's about the only thing I can be definite on," Causser said.

Moves toward democracy

Ghana lifts state of emergency

ACCRA, Jan. 1 (Agencies) — Ghanaian leader Lieut.-Gen. Fred Akuffo has lifted a two-month-old state of emergency imposed after industrial unrest and strikes in the country, the Ghana News Agency said.

It said he announced the move in nationwide New Year radio and television broadcasts as a gesture of goodwill to encourage the formation of political parties, allowed from Monday as a step in the return to parliamentary democracy.

The emergency was imposed Nov. 6 after thousands of civil servants went on strike to back demands for more pay and better working conditions. Some civil servants were sacked after defying a government ultimatum to return to work, the agency said.

Akuffo pledged that the Supreme Military Council would not involve itself in organizing political parties or interfering with political campaigning, the agency said.

He added there was a need for political maturity, tolerance and goodwill.

The military government has promised to hand over power to an elected civilian authority next July, ending seven years of military rule.

Akuffo, who was number two in the government of Gen. Ignatius Acheampong, took over the leadership in a bloodless political shuffle last July after months of disturbances and economic instability.

He immediately pledged the Acheampong government's plan for a return to civilian rule within a year would be upheld and ordered the release of jailed opposition politicians.

The government said Saturday 105 persons have been disqualified from holding office

for the next 15 years. They had been found guilty of holding illegal assets by various investigation commissions established after the fall of the 1966 and 1972 governments, the announcement said.

Among those disqualified are R.R. Amponsah, J.H. Mensah and Victor Owusu — all ministers in the Progress Party government overthrown in the 1972 military coup.

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After her marriage, she moved with her husband into her mother-in-law's 24-room apartment. But although her life now, as described by friends, is as simple as that of most Greek millionairesses, it is far from as simple as that of the average Soviet housewife.

She and her husband have bought a Mercedes, which they drive to and from a special food store where foreigners buy produce that is not generally available in Soviet stores.

She is said to have vacationed recently in Switzerland, and although she is not often seen

in public, she has been seen at receptions in the Norwegian and Canadian embassies, where she has friends.

And she no longer lives in her mother-in-law's small flat, but has moved with her husband into a seven-room suite made by combining two Soviet homes. A designer friend from Paris has traveled here to help her decorate it, and Miss Onassis has made shopping trips to nearby Helsinki, Finland.

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After her marriage, she moved with her husband into her mother-in-law's 24-room apartment. But although her life now, as described by friends, is as simple as that of most Greek millionairesses, it is far from as simple as that of the average Soviet housewife.

She and her husband have bought a Mercedes, which they drive to and from a special food store where foreigners buy produce that is not generally available in Soviet stores.

She is said to have vacationed recently in Switzerland, and although she is not often seen

in public, she has been seen at receptions in the Norwegian and Canadian embassies, where she has friends.

And she no longer lives in her mother-in-law's small flat, but has moved with her husband into a seven-room suite made by combining two Soviet homes. A designer friend from Paris has traveled here to help her decorate it, and Miss Onassis has made shopping trips to nearby Helsinki, Finland.

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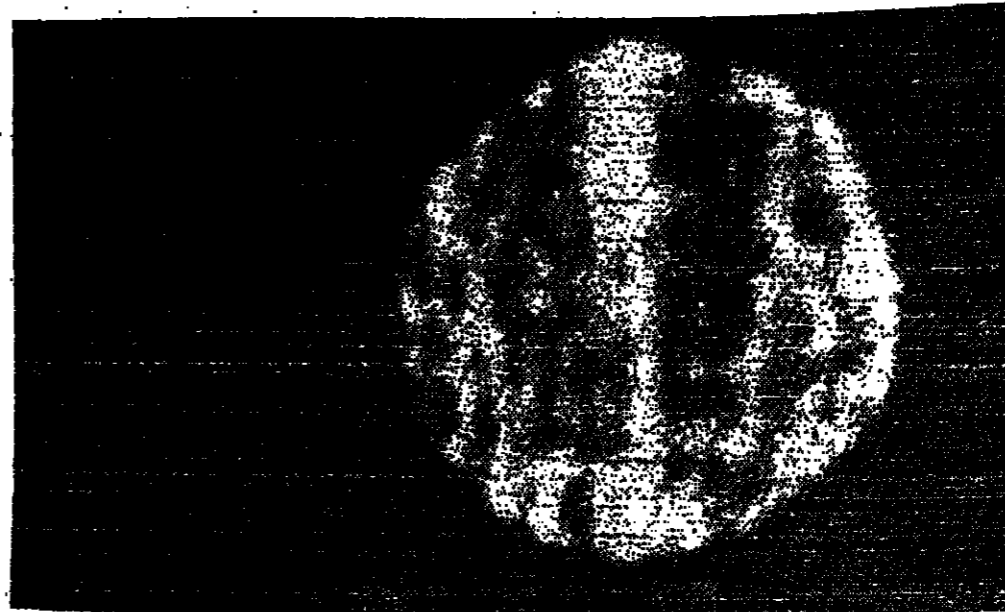
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UNIDENTIFIED: The object filmed by a Melbourne television camera crew over New Zealand Sunday that the crew says is a UFO.

2,300 Vietnamese off Manila may be moved from Tung An

MANILA, Jan. 1 (R) — Philippine health authorities were considering Monday transferring some 2,300 Vietnamese refugees from the Tung An, a rusting freighter which has lain a week in Manila Bay to small boats.

Government television reported that the move was being considered because of health hazards.

The government has refused to allow them to land because it says the country does not have the facilities to handle them.

Deputy Foreign Minister Jose Ingles said accepting more refugees would further aggravate the social and health problems at a temporary camp in Manila where more than 2,000 other Vietnamese are already awaiting permanent settlement elsewhere.

The television also reported that a small Coast Guard patrol craft continued to deliver food to the Tung An refugees, many of them women and children.

Another vessel was standing by to take in sick passengers for medical treatment.

Earlier, a member of the new Interim National Assembly, lawyer Jerry Montemayor,

appealed to President Ferdinand Marcos to allow the Tung An refugees to land pending their permanent settlement in other places.

Off Hong Kong about 2,700 refugees from Vietnam saw in 1979 aboard the crowded freighter Huey Fong.

Their chances of finding a new home are pinned on the German city of Frankfurt which has offered to take 250 of them.

Four bombings ring out old year in N. Ireland

BELFAST, Jan. 1 (UPI) — Another year of violence in Ulster drew to a close Sunday with more bombings. But the incidents were comparatively minor and no one was hurt.

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Taiwanese turn deaf ear to China's first overture

TAIPEI, Jan. 1 (R) — Taiwan's President Chiang Ching-kuo Monday vowed that the Nationalists rejected any compromise with the Peking government and said it would stand alone without U.S. support.

The president, son of the late Chiang Kai-shek, delivered a toughly-worded New Year's Day message as the United States severed diplomatic links with Taiwan and opened normal relations with China. The U.S. defense treaty with Taiwan will expire in one year's time. (See related story, page one.)

"Our anti-communist struggle will never cease until communism is eliminated from Chinese territory and until the Communist regime has been destroyed," he said.

"We shall rid ourselves of the psychology of dependence, discard the mentality of chance, discredit illusions," he said.

"As to the ways of self-support and self-reliance, I think it is fundamental that we strengthen our psychological preparedness in addition to improving our national defense, developing economic projects and augment tangible development projects."

The national leader added: "We do not deny that our country is again distressed and assailed by adversity. But our ancient sages have told us that a country thrives on distress."

Peking announced Sunday it was taking the leaflet-bombardment of the islands of Quemoy and Matsu and asked Taiwan to consider rejoining the mainland with its capitalist status quo intact.

It also suggested lifting the

ban on travel between the two countries, and establishing postal links.

The Chinese parliament said, "Why shouldn't compatriots living so near, on the mainland and Taiwan, visit each other freely? We believe that there is no reason for such barriers to continue."

In Washington, the Taiwan flag flew for the last time over U.S. soil Monday, lowered to the defiant cry: "We shall return."

About 200 Nationalist Chi-

nese, many waving small flags of their own, others with tears in their eyes, sang their national anthem as Vice Foreign Minister H.K. Yang began the ceremony in the spacious grounds of now-departed Ambassador James Shen's residence.

"I should like to assure you all with conviction and with confidence, we shall return. And we shall return with this same flag," he said, his voice rising to a shout.

In Peking

'Guo' rhymes with 'saw'

TOKYO, Jan. 1 (AP) — It appeared that China had a new leader and a new capital Monday, but it was just a question of spelling. China picked the New Year to substitute its own spelling system for the Wade-Giles system long used in the West.

Thus Communist Party Chairman Hua Kuo-feng became Hua Guofeng in dispatches by the official Hsinhua — now Xinhua — News Agency and Peking became Beijing.

These spellings are close to the way these names are pronounced. Guo rhymes with saw, and Feng with tongue.

China has been moving gradually on a program of simplifying the traditional Chinese written characters by reducing the number of strokes needed to write them. It also has been

substituting complicated characters with the same sound but unrelated meaning for more complicated characters.

Its stated goal is eventually to replace the characters with letters to ease computer and typewriter communication. This is where its spelling system for Chinese sounds come in.

Rather than continue to use their own spelling system at home in teaching youngsters a system they hope will replace characters, while using a different spelling system in publications sent abroad, the Chinese have decided to stick to one system.

Communist Party Vice Chairman Yeh Chien-ying will be Ye Jianying, Li Hsien-nien will be Li Xian-nian and Wang Tung-hsing will be Wang Dongxing.

15-year head start may hamper manhunt, JFK panel chief says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (Agencies) — The head of the House of Representatives Assassinations Committee which says conspirators probably murdered both President Kennedy and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King has admitted it would be difficult now to track down the killers.

President Kennedy was assassinated in 1963 and Dr. King in 1968.

"Now, it's going to be very difficult for the Justice Department or anyone else to pick up these leads and develop what could and should have been developed 15 years ago," Committee Chairman Louis Stokes (D-Ohio) said Sunday.

Stokes also said the final report of his House Assassinations Committee "will be able



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is shown in this photograph, which was part of the final report of the House Assassinations Committee.

will accuse the Federal Bureau of Investigation, by its harassment of King, of "creating the kind of atmosphere in which this type of assassination could take place."

Stokes said his committee shares its experts' 95 per cent certainty that President John Kennedy was assassinated in a crossfire by two gunmen, but said the committee knows little more about the probable conspiracy.

In final conclusions, the committee said the only conspiracy possibilities it cannot preclude involve maverick Mafia figures or Cubans opposed to President Fidel Castro. Stokes said the final report will establish Lee Harvey Oswald's "relationships to other persons in New Orleans," and committee sources say there is evidence possibly linking Oswald to Mafia figures and to the anti-Castro Cubans.

But when asked if those relationships amount to leads on the identities of the Kennedy conspirators, Stokes replied: "No, we say quite candidly we do not know the extent of the conspiracy."



SURVIVOR: A United Airlines stewardess, immediately after the crash of the DC-8 near Portland, Oregon, answers questions in front of the plane wreckage. Ten people died in the crash Thursday, Dec. 28. Next to her is a local deputy sheriff.

Investigators say DC-8 had no power

PORTLAND, Ore. Jan. 1 (UPI) — Federal investigators say a United Airlines DC-8 that crashed Thursday night, killing 10 people was without power for 44 seconds before it plowed into an unoccupied house near Portland International Airport.

The National Transportation Safety Board had hoped to talk with the pilot of the jet Monday, but doctors said they were not sure he would be sufficiently recovered. Capt. Malburn McBroom, 52, was listed in a satisfactory condition with a bruised heart.

The plane carried 184 people, and 69 were injured, none seriously.

Elwood Driver of the Safety Board said instruments recovered Saturday showed the plane was without power for 44 seconds before the crash.

A fuel flow indicator, which shows how much fuel is being fed to the engines, read "zero" at the time of impact, Driver said.

"This, coupled with other information we have leads to

the agreement that the power plants were not operating at impact time. This occurred, we guess, about 44 seconds before impact," he said.

Driver said it was still not known whether any fuel remained when the plane went down. The plane, attempting to land at Portland International Airport, had been circling for nearly an hour because of a suspected landing gear problem before it crashed about 3 1/2 miles southeast of the airport.

Driver said Saturday that the pilot radioed before the crash that he had 3,000 pounds of fuel, the equivalent of 480 U.S. gallons, which could have kept the plane flying for more than 20 minutes.

But also Saturday, rescue officials said that the pilot sent a distress signal that the engines were cutting out shortly before impact.

Rescue workers who were first on the scene reported a strong smell of fuel oil. Three of the plane's fuel tanks were ruptured in the crash, but the fourth remained intact. There was no fire after the crash.

U.S. preoccupied with defense against Russia, Sparkman says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP) — The retiring chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee says Americans may have overrated the Soviet Union's strengths and, consequently, demanded tougher policies than necessary towards Moscow.

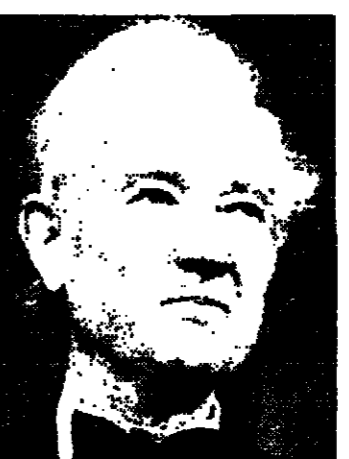
Sen. John Sparkman said the Soviet Union, while "exceptionally strong" as a military power, economically and socially exhibits "many of the characteristics of a developing country."

Many Americans have seen the U.S.S.R. only as a military power and "have demanded of one president after another that the United States be prepared militarily to 'stand up' to the Soviets," said the Alabama Democrat.

"With a more accurate perception of the Soviet Union, Americans may demand of their presidents that they be as willing to 'sit down' with the Russians as they have been to 'stand up' to them," said Sparkman, who is ending a 42-year congressional career.

Sparkman's comments appeared in the introduction to a book published Sunday by his committee, entitled "Perceptions: Relations between the United States and the Soviet Union." It consists of 80 essays by experts and scholars, including former Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Sparkman's predecessor as Foreign Relations Committee chairman, former Sen. J. William Fulbright, Democrat of Arkansas.

The book covers a wide range of subjects, including the military and economic relation-



Sen. John Sparkman

Fulbright, now associated with a Washington law firm, said he believes U.S. policy towards Moscow may have puzzled the Soviets even more than the Russians' closed society has baffled America's policy-makers.

He noted that U.S. policy has been influenced by various factors, including the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' tough Cold War policies, the Communist-hunting activities of the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy, political pressures for higher defense spending and the moves by former President Richard Nixon toward a policy of détente with the Soviets and China.

Nicaragua troops clash with rebels

MANAGUA, Nicaragua Jan. 1 (UPI) — Sandinista guerrillas battled government troops in the north and along the tense southern border with Costa Rica in New Year's Eve fighting, the National Guard reported Monday.

Clashes erupted in northern Esteli Province and near the Costa Rican border which has been closed for six days, a National Guard communique reported.

Five guerrillas were wounded in the battles while the govern-

ment suffered no casualties, the communique said.

Embattled President Anastasio Somoza, returning from his first trip abroad since the September revolt led by the Sandinistas, wished his fellow Nicaraguans a peaceful 1979.

But the moderate anti-Somoza broad opposition front said it will "continue the struggle in 1979" to oust the Nicaraguan leader from power — peacefully or violently.

Gacy's former employee sought as possible murder accomplice

CHICAGO, Jan. 1 (AP) — A former employee of John Gacy Jr., the contractor suspected of killing as many as 32 young men and boys, is being hunted as a possible witness to the slayings, the "Chicago Sun-Times" reports.

The police search for the unidentified man began after a victim of an alleged assault involving Gacy said he was convinced Gacy had an accomplice, "the Sun-Times" said Sunday.

Twenty-seven bodies have been unearthed from beneath

Gacy's suburban Chicago home. The bodies of two boys found in the Des Plaines River have also been linked with Gacy. He has reportedly confessed to dumping more bodies in the river.

Gacy reportedly has written letters from jail in which he said that "some things said about me are true" and asked his mother to "please forgive me."

Authorities planning to resume the grisly search on the property say they may have to tear up his driveway and lawn

to complete their investigation. Police Chief Edmund Dobbs said after he suspended the search Saturday because of the New Year's holiday he is still not satisfied the remains of all the victims on Gacy's property have been found.

After week-long search in a crawl space-cemetery beneath Gacy's house, authorities say it appears that may be all the bodies there. But Dobbs said his men "also may rip up the walls of the house" when the search is resumed Tuesday.

With one extra second to spare

From Times Square to Pike's Peak, U.S. celebrates

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (AP) — The traditional mob rang in the New Year in Times Square despite drizzle, while 1,200 miles away revelers in New Orleans rocked in 1979 to the sounds of the Marshall Tucker Band, one of the younger generation's answers to the late Guy Lombardo.

In Boulder, Colorado, scientists added an extra second to the old year Sunday night, and across the country, Bostonians welcomed 1979 with the city's third annual "First Night" celebration offering everything from children's games on Boston Common to subway station concerts.

Gov. Richard Lamm of Colorado and 111 other people got 1979 off to a popping start by shooting off fireworks atop Pike's Peak after a two-day climb up the 14,110-foot mountain.

It was a busy night, too, for thousands of people making last minute preparations for Monday's extravagant Rose Parade in Pasadena, California, and the Mummers Parade in Philadelphia.

New York City offered a double-barrel New Year's welcome — the Times Square mob scene, fireworks and a rock concert in Central Park.

Hundreds of thousands of people crowded into Times Square to watch the white ball make its 70th descent down a flagpole to usher in the New Year.

In New Orleans, the Marshall Tucker Band played at The Warehouse in a concert broadcast nationwide.

Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians had something new, too — a disco version of "Auld Lang Syne" — in its 50th New Year's Eve performance. A black-tie crowd paid \$115 to \$165 each at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel to dine on filet mignon and listen to the band, led by Bill Lombardo,

the 31-year-old nephew of the late maestro.

For the seventh straight year, the New Year arrived a second later than most people realized. Scientists at the National Bureau of Standards in Boulder reset the nation's standard clock to add a "leap second," without which sunrise eventually would come at noon.

But, as Michael Baum of the bureau noted, "One extra second added to the other 31,536,000 that slipped away when our backs were turned this year" won't make much difference.

For football fans there was the Bluebonnet Bowl in Houston, which offered a televised warmup for the big four bowls of New Year's Day — the Rose in Pasadena, the Cotton in Dallas, the Orange in Miami and the Sugar in New Orleans.

Nearly 500,000 people spent New Year's Eve sleeping on the sidewalks of Pasadena to get a curbside seat to the Tournament of Roses Parade, offering 60 floats, 22 bands and 34 equestrian teams. About 1.5 million people crowded into the Los Angeles suburb for the 5.5-mile-long parade and another 125 million watched on television.

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ASEAN may hold summit in Manila

MANILA, Jan. 1 (UPI) — Foreign Minister Carlos Romulo said Monday the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is studying the possibility of holding a summit conference in Manila this year to review the "new political environment in Asia."

Exiles returning to Angola

LISBON, Jan. 1 (AP) — Opponents of Angola's Marxist government are ending their exile in Zaïre and returning home, reports from Angola said. The Portuguese press Sunday quoted unidentified sources as saying 51 senior members of the National Front for the Liberation of Angola had returned to Angola expressing a wish to "join in the task of reconstruction."

Soviets view '78 as year of progress

MOSCOW, Jan. 1 (AP) — The Kremlin leadership declared in its annual New Year's message to the Soviet people Sunday night that "our motherland's international situation is strong as never before." The government said that 1978 was a year aimed at furthering the development on science, curbing the arms race and strengthening peace and friendship among all peoples.

One dead in trawler explosion

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 1 (AP) — One man was killed and two others seriously burned Sunday as an explosion ripped through a fishing trawler at pier side here, the South African Press Association reported Monday. SAPA said the explosion occurred in the trawler's engine room, apparently when a lighted cigarette touched off leaking fuel.

Thais told 1979 'year of farmers'

BANGKOK, Jan. 1 (AP) — Thai Prime Minister Kriangsak Chomanan declared in his New Year's speech that 1979 will be the "year of the farmers." Kriangsak said it was time to improve the living standards of the majority of Thais — the farmers, who in many cases have been left behind by development.

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Gandhi's edge

By Sumanda Datta-Ray
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By expelling Mrs. Indira Gandhi from parliament and imprisoning her for several days, Prime Minister Morarji Desai's Janata coalition has played right into the hands of an astute strategist who desires nothing more anxiously than to receive a martyr's crown.

Never at a loss for unearthing obscure precedents, Indian political analysts are already comparing her with John Wilkes, the 18th century British radical who was repeatedly re-elected to the House of Commons but expelled each time. Finally, his opponent — who had won only 296 votes against Wilkes's 1,143 — was arbitrarily declared elected.

Such comparisons appeal to Mrs. Gandhi, who got a hero's welcome after her release from Delhi's Tihar Jail where, ironically, most members of today's cabinet cooled their heels during her rigorous emergency. She had good reason to be satisfied with countryside rioting by her followers. About 100,000 people were arrested and more than a dozen killed in clashes with the police.

A dramatic touch was lent to the protest demonstrations by the abortive hijacking of an Indian Airlines Boeing on a scheduled flight from Calcutta to New Delhi. The two youth Congress cadets who used toy pistols and cricket balls (passed off as hand grenades) to intimidate the pilot and crew demanded the former prime minister's immediate release.

Last week's so-called "far-

mers' rally" in the capital — organized by 76-year-old Charan Singh who was dismissed as home minister last March — could be even more significant. There have been persistent rumors of a pact between Mrs. Gandhi and the powerful Singh, who incurred the prime minister's wrath by demanding an inquiry into corruption charges against his son, Kantilal Desai.

Singh has ever since been bitterly opposed to the Desai government. He is now openly advocating dissolution of the Janata coalition. However unlikely allies he and Mrs. Gandhi might make, the possibility of the two frustrated leaders burying their differences to gang up against an already beleaguered prime minister should not be ruled out.

Mrs. Gandhi badly needs his support to win elections in the Hindi-speaking states of northern India which hold the key to national power. Her own recent victory from a southern constituency could even be a liability (though she insists on contesting again from the same place) since her party has since lost two important by-elections in the Hindi belt.

The rally, designed principally to demonstrate Charan Singh's following, could also mark the beginning of a new alliance of expediency. If it fructifies, Mrs. Gandhi can be certain of again becoming prime minister after India's 1982 general elections or even earlier depending on how long the Janata can hold together. At 61 she is a mere strapping in India's gerontocratic politics. — (OFNS)

Tibetan example

By Barry Shlechter
NEW DELHI

Carrying out a Chinese suggestion that Taiwan be absorbed politically like Tibet could prove bloody if the Taiwanese react as the Tibetans did during the 1950s.

Veteran Chinese diplomat Wang Ping-nan told the Associated Press in Peking Monday Tibet could be the model for Taiwan's future status if the island republic decides to merge with the Mainland.

China reasserted its influence over the Central Asian state after Tibet had enjoyed near-independence during the declining years of the Nationalist Chinese regime of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek.

In January, 1950, the triumphant Chinese Communists announced the People's Liberation Army would "liberate" Tibet. Ten months later, troops entered the country and after some initial skirmishes advanced without much interference.

A 1951 treaty between China and Tibet, provided that Peking would control Lhasa's foreign relations and guarantee the Dalai Lama's "established status, functions and powers." But the Buddhist ruler's authority was increasingly curbed by the Chinese. Although the Peking lea-

dership did not immediately impose Communist reforms, reports of anti-Chinese resistance filtered out of Tibet during the mid-1950s.

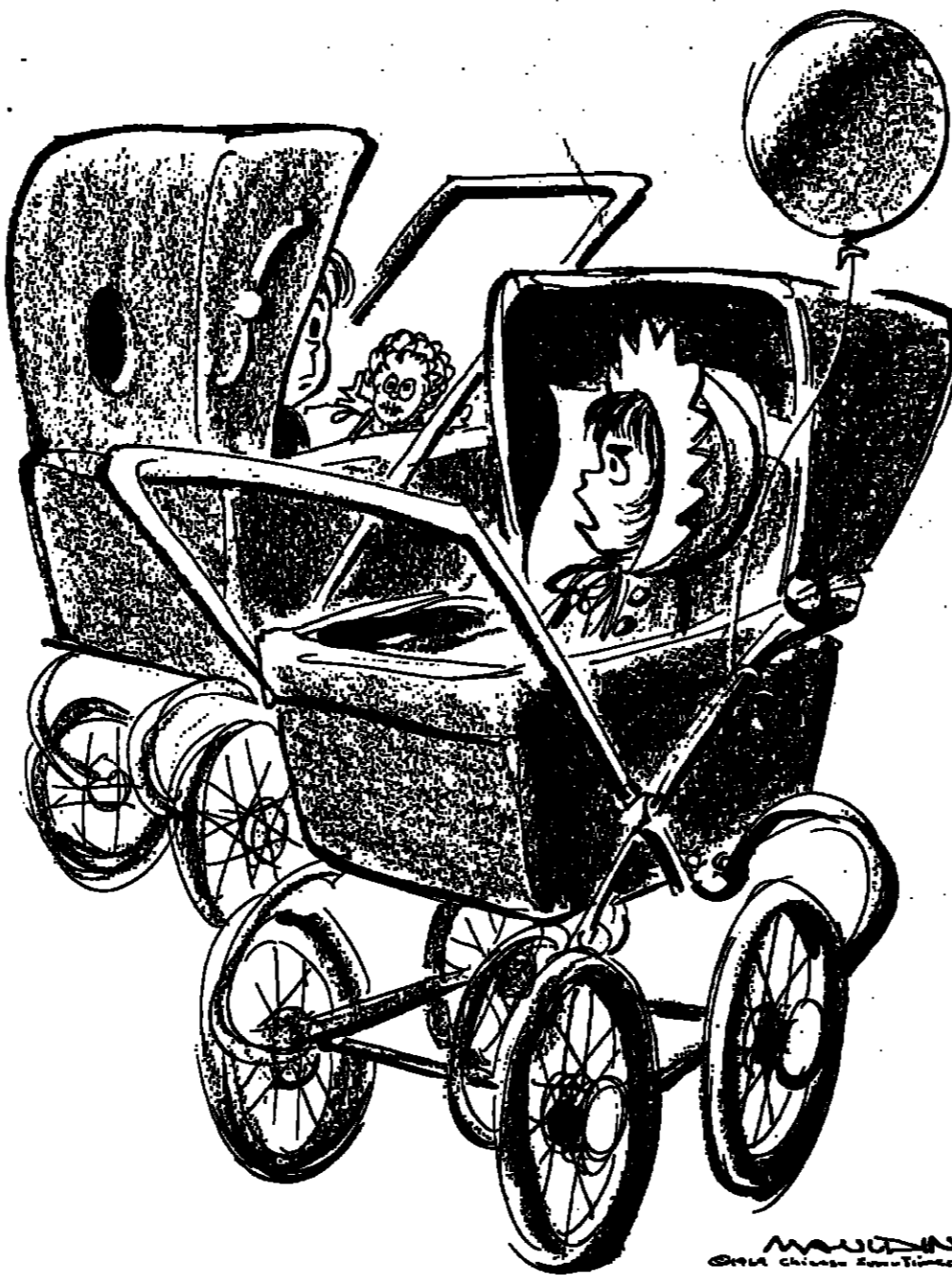
The fiercest of the Tibet ground fighters were the Khampa tribesmen who gained control for a time of a 20,000-sq. mile piece of wild and icy territory north of the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan.

The revolt spread from the Khampa region north to Lhasa, the Tibetan capital, in March, 1959. Later the same month, when the Dalai Lama realized the Chinese could not be expelled by force, he and his close followers fled to India.

Tibetan autonomy ended with the suppression by Chinese troops of the revolt, although Peking set up the so-called Tibet autonomous region in 1965.

Peking has admitted that 200,000 Tibetans were killed in clashes with the People's Liberation Army in 1955-63, indicating that some resistance continued after the unsuccessful 1959 uprising.

The Dalai Lama, in an interview last summer at his Dharamsala, India, headquarters, said he believes that the south of Tibet still has not been won over by the Chinese. (AP)



"PERSONALLY, I DON'T TRUST ANYBODY OVER THREE."

SALT II and defense spending

By Fred Hoffman
WASHINGTON

U.S. military officials say anyone expecting a U.S.-Soviet nuclear arms agreement to halt the drive for advanced weapons or lead to defense budget cuts is in for a disappointment.

"We will have to increase the present spending rate to keep essential equivalence even with a SALT II treaty," said U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown.

Gen. David Jones, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, made it clear recently that the nation's top military leaders will support a SALT agreement only if "we can proceed with the programs necessary to allow essential equivalence."

By "essential equivalence," Brown and Jones mean that the U.S. nuclear strike force must be kept in approximate balance with that of the Soviet Union — not only in numbers but in effectiveness.

Only in this way, they believe, can the United States remain certain that the Russians will be deterred from launching a surprise knockout blow in the future.

While Brown indicated defense spending would have to increase under SALT II, he says spending would have to rise even more — by perhaps \$2 billion a year — in the absence of a new agreement.

"Without a SALT treaty, they probably would do more and we would probably do more," Brown said, referring to the action-reaction aspect of the arms race. Advocates of a

SALT II treaty hope it will temper that spiral.

Pressure on President Jimmy Carter from liberal interests not to cut social programs from the new federal budget in favor of defense has been countered by pressure from conservatives to increase defense outlays in view of Soviet weapons growth.

Since a SALT treaty would face a severe test in the Senate, where a two-thirds vote is required for ratification, analysts say Carter cannot risk alienating conservative senators.

According to present indications, Carter will follow through on his public pledge to increase defense spending by about three percent beyond inflation in the budget he sends to Congress this month. Defense spending in the proposed budget is expected to total about \$123 billion in fiscal 1980.

That would represent a victory for Brown and the joint chiefs over opposing forces in the administration which have fought to curb military spending in favor of domestic programs.

Billions of dollars in U.S. strategic weapons programs are certain to go forward even with a new SALT agreement. The vast bulk of the spending will come in future years.

Although basic decisions have not been made, it is likely the United States will develop, and deploy an entirely new mobile long-range missile system that could cost up to \$30 billion. Defense planners contend a

mobile missile system is essential by the mid-1980s when current Minuteman missiles in their fixed, land-launched bases are expected to become vulnerable to destruction by increasingly accurate Soviet missiles.

Work is underway on construction of a fleet of giant Trident submarines and development of a 7,200-kilometer range missile to be launched from them. The current estimated cost for 13 Trident submarines and their missiles is \$24 billion.

Backers say the Tridents would be virtually invulnerable to Soviet submarine hunters.

High priority has been given to development of a new cruise missile, a small pilotless drone which would be fired from B-52 bombers well beyond the range of Soviet air defense. The theory is that Russia could not stop the 3,000 or so nuclear-armed cruise missiles traveling at high subsonic speeds. Estimated cost of this air launched missile project: nearly \$4.2 billion.

In addition, Soviet tests of satellite-killing space systems have impelled the Pentagon to move with some urgency into anti-satellite weapons research and progress to preserve American reconnaissance and other space vehicles from destruction. Nobody knows how much this ultimately could cost.

And work already has begun on a relatively modest scale on research that could lead ultimately to exotic beam weapons which are outside the scope of the SALT II treaty. — (AP)

By Mark Murray
SEOUL

Having seen President Carter bringing Israel and Egypt to the conference table, South Korea would now like him to produce a Camp David for them.

In its frustration at the lack of negotiations with the Communist north, the South sees Big Power intervention as the best hope in the next few years of bringing an end to 30 years of sporadic armed struggle.

There was a brief spring of hope in 1972 when the heavily guarded and mined Demilitarized Zone was flung open for the first time since the Korean War to permit the passage of delegations to the capitals of the divided peninsula.

The breakthrough was sudden and dramatic and the Northern decision to retreat into its cocoon a year later equally so. The idea then had been to start parallel Red Cross humanitarian and political level talks. The first would deal with the tragic division of families unable to communicate since the war, while the second would work on areas of agreement that might lead some day to reunification.

A grandiose conference hall was built on a wooded mountainside overlooking central Seoul, with thick carpets, plush armchairs, glittering chandeliers and ornamental doves of peace. It has never been used. The dust covers remain on the chairs and tables in the various conference rooms. A direct phone line to Pyongyang is silent.

South Korea continues its efforts to lure the North back to the conference table on two levels. First, there is a frantic drive to build up the national economy, protected by a well-equipped military force, as well as toughening the national morale. The belief in Seoul is that the South will then be so strong that any Northern military incursion would be suicidal.

This, of course, is useless without Northern awareness of the fact. And here, South Korea is depending on friends, neutrals and even former enemies to get the message across and nudge Northern strong man Kim Il Sung to give up his long dream of Communizing the South by force.

What frustrates the South Koreans is that, as one top government official put it: "Pragmatism is squeezing out ideology everywhere in the region...except, unfortunately in Pyongyang."

The sudden announcement of diplomatic relations between China and the United States is not really seen in Seoul as much help. Officially, the foreign ministry made polite noises about the important contribution this event would make towards peace and stability in Asia. And most Koreans, of course, are hoping that, in some way, Washington will be able to use its additional influence with Peking to help break the Korean deadlock.

But the hopes are not high. According to a senior government official, "there are just too many other inhibiting factors involved, including the fact that no one really has that much influence on Pyongyang."

He also voiced a deep Korean fear that, in fact, the Sino-American rapprochement in some respects is a retrograde step. "Everyone talks about the stabilizing influence this will have, but everyone forgets the destabilizing element (the United States severing its most important ties with Taiwan, with which the South Koreans identify very closely in the fight against Communism in Asia)."

Seoul, already sensitive to the Washington's intentions in the region in view of the Carter pullout of American ground forces from Korea, has now been made even more nervous. This may be one reason why, according to well-informed sources, the Koreans were told in advance of the official announcement what China and the United States were planning.

Seoul itself has begun a big diplomatic offensive and, in the process, has become more flexible. The fiercely anti-Communist President Park Chung Hee has opened the door by adopting a doctrine of making no fuss if countries have diploma-

Korean Camp David

tic ties with both Koreans. Overtures have been made to the Soviet Union and China. The Chinese remain frostily silent, but the Russians have unbent ever so slightly by permitting a few South Korean visitors into the Soviet Union recently (although diplomatic sources say there really is no change in Moscow's basic attitude.)

The Americans have tried to help by suggesting Washington will adopt a more relaxed pose to Pyongyang, if China and the Soviet Union will do the same for Seoul. So far, there's been no response.

North Korea, meanwhile, maintains a precarious balancing act between the two Communist giants on its border. There is an emotional link with China, whose intervention in the Korean War saved Kim Il Sung from defeat. At the same time, the ageing Pyongyang leadership received its training in the 1930s and 1940s primarily in Russian territory, and it was the Russians who established the Kim Il Sung regime after the Japanese were driven out in 1945.

Now that China and the Soviet Union have fallen out, the situation becomes more complicated. Diplomatic observers point out that neither wants to see the other gain any advantage in North Korea, whose geographical location provides an ideal military flanking maneuver.

So, can the Americans help? Many South Koreans would like to see President Carter take the initiative, as he did in the Middle East peace negotiations. But diplomatic observers in Seoul say it's extremely improbable either Moscow or Peking would permit such meddling in their own backyard, even if North Korea were willing to listen — also highly unlikely, unless there was a drastic leadership change.

Anyway, that would set unhealthy precedents for outside interference in the affairs of other Moscow and Peking satellite States elsewhere in Asia and Europe. So, for the next few years, it seems as if that gorgeous marbled conference hall overlooking Seoul will remain a sad white elephant. — (OFNS)

Spain rebuilds imperial glory

By James Nelleson
BUENOS AIRES

Quietly and carefully, Spain has set about turning its once huge Latin American empire into a kind of Spanish Commonwealth.

Spaniards freely admit that the British Commonwealth is the model of what they would like to achieve, and to this end they have greatly improved their commercial links with Latin America.

Spain is now one of the biggest investors in countries like Argentina and Venezuela, and in international economic organizations it has systematically been making common cause with the Latin Americans.

One major move towards encouraging a greater sense of worldwide brotherhood among the Spanish-speaking peoples, who now number over 200 million and are increasing at a remarkably rapid rate, was the recent Latin American tour of King Juan Carlos.

In Mexico, Peru and Argentina, the king and his queen were warmly welcomed and there was a rich feast of rhetoric about the Hispanic heritage.

In May 1976 the king went to the Dominican Republic —

Columbus's first landfall on his 1492 voyage to the New World — and later the same year visited Colombia. Last year he made a tour of Venezuela and the small countries of Central America, which are habitually grateful for any attention from the outside world, and are receptive to talk about their spiritual oneness with Spain.

Although Spain has still not completely found itself again after emerging from the 40 years in the straitjacket of Gen. Franco's ultra-right-wing dictatorship, it is beginning to play a more energetic role in the world.

Because of the economic progress of the last few decades, it is in a position to offer other countries much more than memories of the past, and Spanish participation in development projects in Latin America is growing apace. But its real cards are a common language and culture.

Relations between Spain and its former colonies festered and declined as a result of the fierce-fought wars of independence of the early 19th century. The liberation struggle was led by men who got their inspiration from the secular, liberal, and sometimes revolution-

nary trends that were overturning the old European world in the wake of the French Revolution, and they looked upon Spain as a reactionary, obscurantist backwater.

The most significant influences on Latin American thought since the huge region broke away from Spain have come from France, Great Britain, and the United States, with United States influence growing since World War II and that of the European countries waning.

While Spain looked as though it would make a comeback in the years before and after World War I, when it was enjoying a cultural renaissance, this hope was pulverized by the victory of the Nationalists in the Spanish Civil War.

Since then Spanish cultural or political influence has been restricted to authoritarian, right-wing, Roman Catholic groups representing small minorities.

For Spain's place in Latin American imaginations has also been hampered by the widespread desire to exalt local pre-Columbian roots. This tendency is strongest in the two countries where the pre-Columbian cultures were richest, Mexico and Peru. — (OFNS)

saudi press review

"Ola" dealt with the situation in the Horn of Africa "in view of the determined intervention by the Soviet Union and Cuba and the crucial importance of the region as one of the principal international waterways and Soviet intentions to have a bridgehead there, not only for strategic purposes but also to fight and foil the nationalist aspirations of the Somalis and Eritreans fighting for liberation."

The paper supported Somali Vice-President and Defense Minister Muhammad Ali Samantar in calling for Western intervention to halt the Soviet march "since it seems impossible to let things go on as they have done so far."

"The Soviets have their eyes on the Red Sea and having moved eastwards from Angola, they are bound to do their

utmost to destabilize the situation in the Red Sea and establish a permanent presence there as well as in the Indian Ocean. It is strange to see the West standing idly by watching the Soviet Union penetrate vast regions of the world, — unless this is part of détente that calls on both sides to export trouble and conflicts from Europe and North America to the Third World.

"We believe that world peace and stability are indivisible and so are human rights. But we are bewildered by the eerie silence of the West in view of Soviet depredations in this part of the world."

"Al-Bilad" discussed the current conference of Eritrean liberation movements in Khartoum under the auspices of the Sudanese government.

The paper said: "It is hoped that the various fronts now

realize the importance of a substantial and meaningful unity to fight for the liberation of their country which had been forcibly annexed by Ethiopia."

"The importance of the conference lies in the fact that Sudan has a deep understanding of the situation and feels obliged to communicate it to the fronts."

Moreover, the military balance in the battlefield has changed in favor of the Eritreans on account of massive Soviet support and Cuban involvement and this should be reviewed by the Eritreans during the conference. The Eritrean liberation movement should also rely on its own meager resources and unity of ranks while it discourages foreign influences and interference in its affairs.

The paper hoped that the conference "will result in the solid unity that the Eritrean people look forward to in order to achieve their aspirations."

"While the situation in Iran has taken a turn for the worse with the army trying to destroy the religious centers of power and arresting opposition leaders, and the opposition sacking Bakhtiar the premier designate, the two superpowers appear content to wait and see," according to Al-Riyadh.

The paper said it appears that Washington "is in no mood to bet on either horse just now lest the result of the race prove embarrassing in the end."

"The Soviet Union, the chief culprit in the eye of Carter, has said nothing so far. Both superpowers have chosen not to let the Iranian inferno raise the temperature of their cold war. Both may be contemplating a modus vivendi and may be in contact with the two sides in the conflict, with the aim of restricting the strife so that it does not encompass those nearby, such as Turkey."



Passenger to taxi driver: Either five riyals right here, or ten at the police station. Your choice. — OKAZ

'End squalor and degradation', says Kenya panel

Conference calls for housing action

Special to "Arab News"
NAIROBI — The time to put an end to the dreadful conditions under which millions of peoples all over the world live is long overdue, Cesar Quintana, administrator of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation (UNHHSF) has said.

Quintana was speaking at the opening of the first of a worldwide series of regional conferences on human settlement management and finance held in Nairobi recently.

Focus

The conference focused on the problems of management and finance in the continent with the aim of finding new ways of tackling the problem of Africa's homeless and shanty dwellers.

Among the 27 participating countries were the Afro-Arab countries. Egypt was among the countries elected vice chairmen.

The new United Nations Center for Human Settlements (Habitat), Quintana said, is an instrument with very great possibilities for concrete action but it could only be realized through the help, commitment and advice of governments.

"The significance of the improvement of human settlements in total nation building has not yet been realized. Too many governments give low priority to the problems and attempted unilateral and sporadic solutions," he said.

The greatest need within human settlements, he said, apart from development of coherent policies was for proper financing and management. Other aspects of fundamental importance were the need for mechanisms for subsidies, legislation, access to the housing market in poor neighborhoods, and control of land speculation.

The conference was opened by Dr. J.G. Kiano, Kenya's minister for water development, who was named chair-

man.

Kenya, the minister said, fully realized that the provision of basic shelter was becoming a complex and difficult problem for developing nations with limited resources whose populations were increasing at a high rate. Decent shelter for every family was an indispensable prerequisite for healthy and happy life.

"Decent housing in which to bring up one's family, and to provide healthy accommodation must always be an integral and ever present part of national development," said Dr. Kiano.

Also speaking at the opening session was H. Van Putten of the International Union of Local Authorities who outlined his organization's support for the U.N. human settlement activities in 70 countries.

"Financing shelter for low income people" is a major aspect of the program of the United States Agency for International Development

(USAID), said Peter Kinn, director of the office of housing of the USAID. "Human settlement problems are one of the major problems of mankind, next to those of nuclear armaments and war and peace problems," said Kinn.

As background for the discussions the participants considered the following problems: accelerated population and urban growth are the two great phenomena of our times. Africa, at its present rate of growth, will double its total population in 25 years, and double its urban population in only 15 years.

Each year 2.5 million persons will leave rural Africa and arrive in urban areas looking for jobs, housing and amenities. Yet, unemployment figures remain high, and only two to four houses of recognized standard are being built annually per 1000 population whereas six to nine units are needed. Water and sanitary conditions remain critical for 60 per cent or more of the population.

Problems

The October meeting focused on the present housing and human settlement problems in many African countries due to the tremendous rural to urban migration. Africa's urban population is due to rise from 75 million in 1970 to 333 million by the year 2000. At the same time vast populations in the rural areas are deprived of even the basic human settlement needs including shelter, clean water and sanitation.

After considering that between three to five out of every ten urban dwellers in Africa



CONFERENCE: Delegates from 27 Afro-Arab countries at the opening session of a conference on human settlement management and finance in Nairobi.

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- Governments should take steps to make credit facilities much more accessible to borrowers, especially to low income groups.
- Efforts should be accelerated to establish building material industries that use local raw materials and industrial and agricultural wastes and recycled materials.
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Egyptian luxuries, crops go up, says 'Al-Ahram'

CAIRO, Jan. 1 (A)—Egypt's Deputy Prime Minister Fikri Makram Ebeid has announced a series of price increases of up to 50 per cent on luxury goods and most crops, the authoritative newspaper "Al-Ahram" said Monday.

Goods to cost more included cigarettes, soft drinks, first-

class railway fares, color televisions, car licences, passports and postal charges, it said.

The price of cement was going up between 35 and 50 per cent.

Growers would get more for their cotton, rice, onions and sugar cane, Ebeid said.

Iraqi minister leaves for Chad, Niger visit

BAGHDAD, Jan. 1 (R)—Dr. Issam Abed Ali, Iraq's minister of higher education and scientific research, left here Monday for a visit to Chad and Niger at the head of an official delegation.

The Iraq News Agency (INA) quoted the minister as saying before leaving that the

visit was aimed at strengthening cultural, educational and scientific relations with the two countries.

He said Iraq attached great importance to the development of Third World countries, especially African states which had friendly relations with the Arabs in general and Iraq in particular.

Tentative

AP at contract accord

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (AP)—The Associated Press and the Wire Service Guild reached tentative agreement at midnight Sunday on a new two-year contract.

If ratified by the union membership, minimum top salaries for editors, reporters and photographers will rise \$40 weekly, from \$410 to

\$450 per week, over the life of the contract.

It covers more than 1,200 AP employees in the United States.

The principal items in dispute were wages, some fringe benefits and the system under which Guild members agree to have dues deducted from Guild jurisdiction.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Monday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.32	3.32	3.31
Pound Sterling	6.74	6.77	6.78
Deutsche Mark	1.82 (100)	181.50	182.00
Swiss F	2.05 (100)	206.00	206.00
French F	0.79 (100)	80.00	79.75
Italian Lira (1000)	—	4.10	4.10
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	111.00	111.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	81.00	85.50
Egyptian Pound	—	4.50	4.77
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.30	12.25
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.40	11.32
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.50	86.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.50	86.80
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.75	8.68
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	46.00	46.50
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.85	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.00	73.30
South Yemeni Dinar	—	—	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	79.00	86.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.25
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.00
Gold kg	—	24,200	—
10 Tola bar	—	2,830	—
Silver kg bar	—	660	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.70	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.80	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.14	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.68	—	—
Italian Lira (100)	0.40	—	—

Cash and transfer rates supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for currency Exchange and Commerce, Cabel St., Jeddah. SAMA rates announced Saturday in Jeddah by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

Chinese oil, gas output up 10%

PEKING, Jan. 1 (R)—China produced 11.1 per cent more crude oil and 10 per cent more natural gas in 1978 than in the previous year, the New China News Agency reported Monday.

The agency did not give actual production figures, but informed sources in Peking last September said crude oil output in 1977 was 80 million tons.

Refined oil production increased by 8.3 per cent during the year, and half of the increase in crude oil production came from old fields, the agency said.

It said several new refineries had begun operation and a 1,600-kilometer oil pipeline had been completed, greatly improving oil transport capability, but it did not say where this was.

China's biggest oil field at Taching in the northeast maintained a high, steady output.

Tokyo summit planned for June, paper says

TOKYO, Jan. 1 (R)—The summit of leading Western industrial nations in Tokyo has been informally set for June 24 and 25, the Japanese daily "Asahi" reported Monday.

The newspaper, quoting government sources, said the date of the summit would be

officially fixed at a working-level preparatory meeting to be held in March.

Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira has sent invitations to the leaders of the United States, France, West Germany, Italy, Britain, Canada and the European Communities Commission to attend.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
* Ministry of Communications	Date for submitting tenders for the construction of:	xx	—	Feb. 18
	First portion of Tail/ Beni Saad (30A) Baha, Bilad Zahran road.			
	Second portion of Tail/ Beni Saad (30 B) Thaqif, Bilad Zahran road and			
	Third portion of Tail/ Beni Saad (30C) Beni Saad, Ghazayel Bilad Zahran road, extended to Feb. 18.			
* " " "	Building of the first and third portions of the fly-over on Jeddah/Mecca highway inside Jeddah city, as follows:	xx	—	Jan. 20
	—First portion from 0+452 kms to 192+4 kms.			
	—Third portion from 786+8 kms to 12+500 kms.			
* " " "	Buildings of two bridges on the Riyadh/Mazahmiah road, as follows:	xx	—	Jan. 20
	—First near 8.997 kms on Laban valley, and			
	—Second near 18.253 kms on Hanifa valley.			



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KING ABDUL AZIZ PORT
DAMMAM

SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF

CHANGES PAST 24 HRS.

DATE: 3.2.1399/1.1.1979

TIME: 0700 HRS.

1-Vessels Working the Ship Agent Type of cargo Arrival Date Berth No.

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12	WAKASHIGE MARU	KANOO	PLANT/STEEL	31/12/1978	
18	YONG FONG LU	GOSAIBI	GENERAL	31/12/1978	
21	EASTERN WAVE (D.B.)	ALIREZA	BULK CEMENT	31/12/1978	
27	ARIES CHIEF	KANOO	SHEEP	20/12/1978	
28	SWIFT	ORRI	LIME IN BAGS	31/12/1978	

2-Recent Arrivals

WAKASHIGE MARU	KANOO	PLANT/STEEL	31/12/1978
SWIFT	ORRI	LIME IN BAGS	31/12/1978
ARYA KAY	A.E.T.	GENERAL	31/12/1978

3-Vessels Expected With in 24 Hours

EASTABLUK	A.E.T.
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KERIA	GULF
YINGSHAN	ORRI
ALTENBURG	KANOO

4-TONNAGE DISCHARGED: 7773

5-WAITING TIME: NIL

Note: Importers having goods on the above mentioned ships should complete their formalities as soon as possible. For any inquiries please contact the Shipping Agents.



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1ST JANUARY 1979

1-VESSELS DISCHARGING BERTH VESSEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR.DATE
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3	SUN CASTOR	CONSTRUCTURE MATERIALS	31/12/1978
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5	GOOD STAR	GENERAL	29/12/1978
6	CHERRY KONG ISLAND	GENERAL/CONTAINERS	30/12/1978
7	—	—	—
8	—	—	—
9	—	—	—
10	ZINNIA	BAGGED CEMENT	30/12/1978
11	—	—	—
12	—	—	—
13	—	—	—
14	—	—	—
15	STALO 2	BAGGED CEMENT	29/11/1978
16	PANAMA	CONTAINERS	31/12/1978
17	ODYSSEUS	BULK CEMENT	26/12/1978
18	MEDCOMENT	BULK CEMENT	21/12/1978
19	CARRER	BULK CEMENT	31/12/1978
20	ALASKA	CHICKENS	29/12/1978
21	—	—	—
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24	—	—	—
25	—	—	—
26	—	—	—
27	SELENA	REEFER	30/12/1978
28	NEW STAR	SORGHUM/RICE	29/12/1978
29	PAULINA	GENERAL/TRUCKS	30/12/1978
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ALATAS	ALATAS	GENERAL & CONTAINER	31/12/1978
NEOLLOYD	—	—	—
MAESTANZA	—	—	—
LALZI	—	—	—
CASTLE GLORY	ABDULLAH	RO RO	31/12/1978
GRINA	STAR NAV.	DURRA	31/12/1978
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CARRILLO	KEZAYAT	GENERAL/CONTES.	31/12/1978
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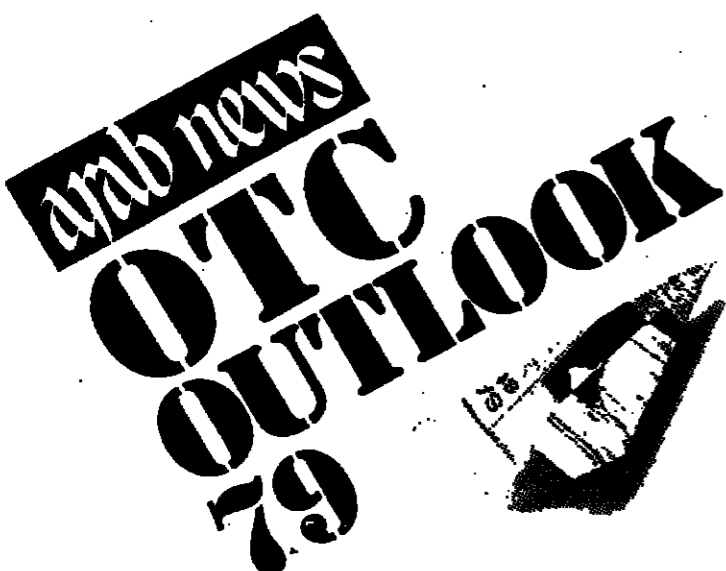
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Late News

Key Cambodian city said in hands of rebel forces

BANGKOK, Jan. 1 (AP)—
Vietnamese troops and Cam-
bodian insurgents claimed
Monday to have captured the
key Mekong River town of
Kratie, possibly signalling the
long-awaited offensive by
Vietnam against the central
Cambodian government.

The front's news agency
SPK reported that rebel troops
"in concert with the local pop-
ulation captured the town at
about noon Saturday, annihilat-
ing or capturing hundreds of
defenders and seizing large

quantities of food and military
equipment". The front, which
was formed in December also
claimed to control the northeast-
ern province of Ratanakiri.

The news of the alleged vic-
tory was also carried by offi-
cial Vietnamese media.

The fall of Kratie could
mean the amputation of about
one fifth of Cambodian terri-
tory as the town sits astride
vital Highway 13 leading to
the Vietnamese border and the
Mekong River flowing south
from Laos towards Phnom
Penh.

Analysts in Bangkok have
in recent weeks detected the
expansion of Vietnamese en-
claves along the border to-
wards Kratie, located 160 ki-
lometers northeast of Phnom
Penh.

Sources in Bangkok Mon-
day said that if the report of
Kratie's fall was true, it was
the work of the Vietnamese
5th Division, which had been
moving up Highway 13. The
sources said Vietnamese forces
involved in the frontier war
had also been building up their
supplies in four areas recent-
ly—southern Laos, Pleiku in
Vietnam's central highlands,
Can Tho in the Mekong River
delta and the Tay Ninh pro-
vince where the bulk of Viet-
namese forces had been re-
adied.

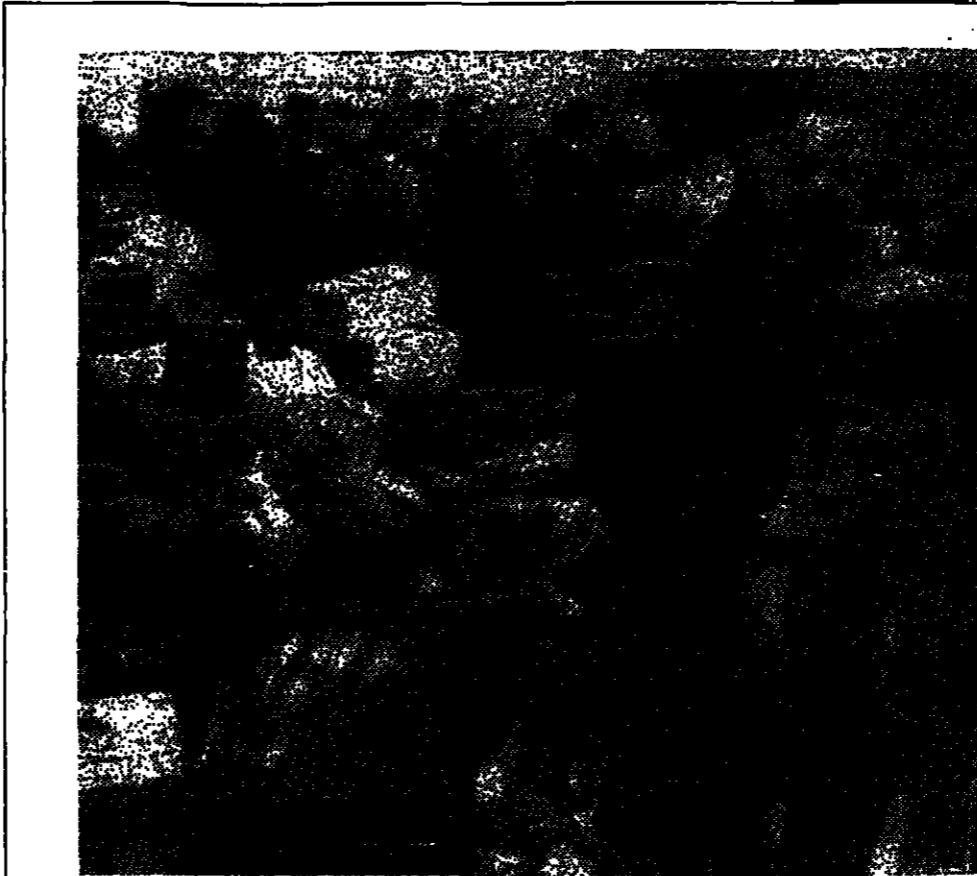
The agency claimed the
people along Highway 13 rose
up against the "draconian re-
gime" and helped the insur-
gents in transporting arms and
munitions and providing them
with food. It also claimed that
some of the defenders of
Kratie defected to the front.

Kratie was one of the key
towns held by the Khmer
Rouge during the five-year
war which ended with their
1975 victory. Kratie, Cambo-
dia's seventh largest city
with some 13,000 in-
habitants, was captured by
the Communists in the
early months of the war.

The Voice of Vietnam, re-
porting the Kratie capture,
also said that the rebels shot
down three propeller-driven
fighter-bombers which were
strafing and bombing areas of
Kratie Province.

The broadcast, quoting the
front agency, did not give the
date of the air strikes but they
appeared to have occurred
during or after the reported
capture of Kratie.

The aircraft were identified
as T128s, a World War II air-
craft supplied to the former
Cambodian government and
often used against insurgent
forces during the 1970-75
war.



TEHRAN: Foreigners and Iranians crowd the departure lounge at Tehran Airport Mon-
day, but only two planes are reported to have left before the airport was closed for the
day. (See related stories, pages 1 and 3.)

Rhodesian guerrillas kill tribal chieftain

SALISBURY, Jan. 1 (AP)—
Black guerrillas have beaten
to death a tribal chief at his
home in the northeast of Rhod-
esia, the military command
announced in a New Year's
Day bulletin which reported
35 more casualties in the past
48 hours.

The casualties reported, all
blacks, included 16 other civil-
ians. The bulletin said four
of the civilian victims died in
"crossfire" and the remainder
were slain by guerrillas.

A white South African motor-
ist was seriously injured in a
guerrilla ambush Saturday
on the main road link to South
Africa, 50 miles north of the

Beit Bridge border post, the
bulletin said. The motorist was
not travelling in the military-
escorted convoys which move
on the road four times daily.

The bulletin marked the end
of the bloodiest year in Rhod-
esia's six years of escalating
guerrilla warfare.

A record total of 5,444 per-
sons have been reported killed
within Rhodesia through 1978,
nearly half the total casualties
of the war.

In addition, up to 3,000 per-
sons died during the year when
Rhodesian forces launched their
most audacious ground and
air strikes against guerrilla
bases in neighboring Zamb-
bia and Mozambique.

Desai scorns likelihood of Mrs. Gandhi comeback

NEW DELHI, Jan. 1 (AP)—
Prime Minister Morarji De-
sai Monday brushed aside the
threat of a comeback by Indira
Gandhi, his predecessor, say-
ing "if she goes on doing as
she has been doing, I am not
worried about it at all."

Mrs. Gandhi's backers resorted
to nationwide demonstra-
tions, civil disorder and a
plane hijacking during their
leader's one-week arrest last
month for contempt of parlia-
ment. More than 125,000 were
reported arrested and 16 per-
sons killed during the distur-
bances.

Desai told questioners on a
television panel show that in a
democracy such as India Mrs.
Gandhi "has every right to
work, to come back to power

and to put us in discomfiture
... if she does it in a proper
way, then she will have streng-
th. Well, if she goes on doing
as she has been doing... I am
not going to imitate it, nor am
I going to play the same tune.
I will do what is right."

Desai's Janata Party swept
Mrs. Gandhi from power in
the March 1977 national elec-
tion.

Seeking to refute recent
statements that his party is in
a crisis and in danger of break-
ing up, the prime minister
said, "we have inherited for
many centuries the capacity of
infighting amongst ourselves...
what you see today is to my
mind not a crisis at all... the
party is strong and will be-
come stronger."

U.S. Midwest snowed under

Winter batters north Europe

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 1 (Ag-
encies)—Winter threw a hard
New Year's punch at northern
Europe Monday slamming road
and rail travel and creating
danger at sea.

In one of two shipping dra-
mas Swedish and Danish air
force helicopters rescued 57
seamen and women from two
stranded Soviet fishing vessels
blown ashore from the Baltic
Sea onto the Swedish coast.

In the Atlantic off north-
western Spain, 29 crew mem-
bers of the stricken supertan-
ker Andros Patria were feared
lost after their lifeboats cap-
sized in mountainous seas. (See
story page one).

The two Soviet vessels, a
fishing mother-ship and a trav-
ler, ran aground soon after mid-
night in fierce gales off the
southern tip of Sweden. Their
SOS calls were picked up by
Swedish and Danish Coast
Guards.

In a four-hour rescue op-
eration, two Swedish and a Dan-
ish helicopter braved gale force
winds to bring the crews
ashore.

The Swedish Coast Guard
said the winds were so strong
that all the seamen could not

be winched aboard the air-
craft and instead were flown
to safety dangling from rescue
lines.

In the United States, Mid-
westerners bade farewell to
1978 in the midst of a major
storm that dropped a foot or
more of snow Sunday, while
residents of the northern Plains
and the northern Rockies suf-
fered through sub-zero tem-
peratures.

East Timor insurgency leader killed by troops

JAKARTA, Jan. 1 (AP)—
Nicolao Lobato, president of
the Fretilin movement, was
killed by Indonesian troops in a
shootout New Year's Eve in
the district of Maubesse, 60 ki-
lometers south of the capital of
Diliuwgit, it was announced
Monday.

The announcement, broadcast
nationally on television, said
the insurgent leader was shot
dead after refusing to surrender.
It said 22 of his followers were

arrested.

Defense Minister Gen. Mu-
hammad Jusuf flew to East
Timor early Monday to identi-
fy the body. Jusuf told rep-
orters that the death of Lobato
would hasten stability and se-
curity in the former Portuguese
colony.

Military sources said Lobato,
37, panicked when surrounded
by army troops and began
shooting at his own men, who
wanted to give themselves up.

Mexico claims 100% rise in oil reserves

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 1 (R)—
Mexico Monday announced
a 100 per cent increase in its
proven reserves of petroleum
as a result of recent important
finds in Chiapas and the
Campeche continental shelf.

Revised statistics issued by
the state oil monopoly, Pemex,
showed Mexico had proven re-
serves of 40.1 billion barrels
instead of the 20.1 billion bar-
rels previously recorded.

This was enough to last 60
years at an average daily pro-
duction rate of 1.85 million
barrels, Pemex said.

The statistics said probable
reserves were 44.6 billion bar-
rels compared with 37.3 billion
barrels previously estimated,
and potential reserves remain-
ed unchanged at 200 billion
barrels.

Pemex said Mexico now had
the sixth largest proven petro-
leum reserves in the world af-
ter the Soviet Union (259 bil-
lion barrels), Saudi Arabia
(167), Iran (162), the United
States (75.3) and Kuwait (73).

This year Mexico is expect-
ed to produce about two mil-
lion barrels of oil and export
717,000 barrels a day.

Grim Europe border becomes dotted line

NICKELSDORF, Austria,
Jan. 1 (R)—The Austro-Hun-
garian border Monday be-
came the most easily
crossed frontier between the
Soviet bloc and the West when
a visa-free travel arrangement
went into effect.

Under the agreement, the
fruit of almost 20 years of
talks, neither Hungarians nor
Austrians will need visas to
cross the frontier, once one of
the most heavily fortified in
Europe.

The arrangement is the first
between a European Communist
state and a Western neighbor.

Austrian police at Nickels-
dorf 70 kilometer (43 miles)
east of Vienna reported normal,
slight traffic between the two
countries Monday.

But authorities at all five
border stations expect a marked
increase when the weather im-
proves and tourists take ad-
vantage of the eased regula-
tions.

No exodus of dissidents or

people unhappy with the Com-
munist regime is however ex-
pected from Hungary, which is
considered the most liberal of
the Soviet bloc countries.

A new customs station and
police building has been built
at Nickelsdorf, the main cross-
ing point between Vienna and
Budapest, in anticipation of a
tourist boom.

Some 600,000 Austrians vis-
ited Hungary last year.

Under the new regulations,
Austrians will only have to
answer a short questionnaire al-
lowing them to enter Hungary
as easily as they now do Italy
or West Germany.

The number of Hungarians
visiting Austria is also expect-
ed to rise but at a much less
marked pace, largely because
of their difficulty in obtaining
sufficient hard currency.

Hungarians can obtain pas-
ports without trouble but are
issued two exit visas every
three years, only one of which
grants them access to hard cur-
rency from the national bank.

From page one

Soviet

the city for the night.

An American radio newsman
was detained by police for two
hours after interviewing passen-
gers. His tape was taken from
him.

Most of the stranded passen-
gers were American or British,
but there were also many Irani-
ans.

Most Western embassies Sun-
day advised their nationals who
were not doing essential jobs,
and all dependents, to leave
Iran in view of the grave politi-
cal and economic disruption and
rising anti-foreigner sentiment.

A middle-aged English engi-
neer and his wife who did not
want their names published,
said the situation was calm
where they had come from, the
city of Qazvin, northwest of
Tehran.

"We had no real trouble. We
had enough Iranian friends to
sort things out when there were
signs of anti-foreigner feeling,"
the engineer said. "We're just
leaving because my contract ex-
pired at the end of the year."

"But what we can't under-
stand is why we can't get out
when the British embassy told
us yesterday we should. Now
we will have to sit here until
flights start up again."

Fisheries

he said.

The council also reviewed
reports of progress made dur-
ing the third year of the Se-
cond Five Year Development
Plan and will continue its dis-
cussion during the next meet-
ing. Dr. Yamani added.

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Begin said after the cabinet
meeting he expected a new
round of talks within a week
or two. Diplomatic contacts
were under way to arrange the
venue and timing, but were be-
ing delayed by the New Year
holidays.

After a foreign policy re-
view, the cabinet signaled a
slight shift but reaffirmed its

Tanker

The scene after the lifeboats
capsized but were unable to
intervene because of the force
nine gales. Hopes faded Mon-
day that any more survivors
would be found.

The bosun's estimate of the
number of persons aboard
conflicted with a statement
issued by the Spanish navy,
which put the figure at 20 in-
cluding the master's wife and
baby.

Six bodies were recovered
from the sea by rescue ves-
sels, which included at least
two tugs and Spanish war-
ships.

Peking

Teng said of his forthcom-
ing visit to the United States:
"I hope that my contacts with
the leaders of the United States
and the American people will
further enhance understand-
ing and friendship between
our two peoples and promote
our amicable bilateral ties
and cooperation in the
scientific-technological, econ-
omic, cultural and many other
fields."

rejection of Egyptian propo-
sals as presented two weeks
ago when Secretary of State
Cyrus Vance's mission failed
to salvage the treaty.

Defense Minister Ezer Weiz-
man, who developed personal
rapport with top Egyptians in
the past year of peace efforts,
did not participate in the cab-
inet vote in an apparent dis-

play of anger over the slow
pace of negotiations.

Normally a colorful spea-
ker, Weizman has hardly ut-
tered a word in public in re-
cent months as peace talks
dragged on without result.

Press reports quoted the de-
fense minister as telling col-
leagues that he had voted often
enough on peace proposals and
the affair had lasted far too
long in his opinion.

Relations with the United
States have become more po-
tente since the mutual accusa-
tions of two weeks ago, but

Israeli officials say Tel Aviv
is still bitter over a letter of
interpretation drafted by the
State Department.

Begin said Sunday Foreign
Minister Moshe Dayan had
sent Vance a letter last Thurs-
day "completely rejecting" the
U.S. document, which asserted
Egypt could invoke its defense
treaties to aid an Arab state
attacked by Israel.

Officials said Tel Aviv was
angered because the State De-
partment coordinated the writ-
ing of the document with Cairo
without consulting Israel.

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"I think we should not exag-
gerate this change," he said.
"It consists mostly of increased
understanding of the Arab
position. It also means that
Israel is being questioned, and
there is criticism of Israel and
Israeli policy, particularly re-
garding the inaccessibility of the
Begin government on issues
that are central to any lasting
settlement. I am referring here
to the Israeli position on the
West Bank and Gaza."

The government of Israeli
Prime Minister Menachem Be-
gin has rejected Egyptian ef-
forts to link an Egyptian-Israeli
peace treaty with Palestinian
autonomy in the West Bank and
Gaza Strip.

"There is the beginning of
change towards Israel which is
occurring for the first time in
30 years," Sharabi said.

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